

The Honorable James Robart

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

GABRIEL KORTLEVER, SY
EUBANKS, and ALL OTHERS
SIMILARLY SITUATED,

Plaintiffs,

v.

WHATCOM COUNTY,
WASHINGTON; WHATCOM
COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Defendants.

No. 2:18-cv-00823

**STIPULATED MOTION TO STAY
PROCEEDINGS**

NOTED FOR: JULY 26, 2018

Basis for Motion

Pursuant to LCR 7(d)(1) and 10(g), Plaintiffs Gabriel Kortlever and Sy Eubanks, and Defendants Whatcom County, Washington and Whatcom County Sheriff's Office, by and through their counsel, respectfully move the Court to stay the proceedings in this action while the parties engage in settlement efforts.

1. This case was filed on June 6, 2018, and concerns access to Medication-Assisted

Treatment ("MAT") in Whatcom County Jail in Bellingham, Washington. (ECF No. 1).

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1 Plaintiffs seek to represent “a class of non-pregnant people who have an OUD and who
2 are incarcerated, or who will be incarcerated in the future, at the Whatcom County Jail.”

3 *Id.* ¶ 87.

4 2. Also on June 6, 2018, Plaintiffs filed a Motion for Class Certification, with a noting date
5 of July 13, 2018. (ECF No. 2).

6 3. On June 28, 2018, Defendants filed a CR 12(b)(6) Motion to Dismiss for Failure to State
7 a Claim Upon Which Relief Can Be Based, with a noting date of July 27, 2018. (ECF
8 No. 9).

9 4. On June 29, 2018, Defendants filed their Response to Plaintiffs’ Motion to Certify Class.
10 (ECF No. 12).

11 5. On July 10, 2018, the Court entered an Order Regarding Initial Disclosures, Joint Status
12 Report, and Early Settlement. (ECF No. 13). Under the Order, the deadline for the FRCP
13 26(f) Conference was July 24, 2018; the deadline for the Initial Disclosures Pursuant to
14 FRCP 26(a)(1) is August 7, 2018; and the deadline for the Combined Joint Status Report
15 and Discovery Plan as Required by FRCP 26(f) and Local Civil Rule 26(f) is August 14,
16 2018. *Id.*

17 6. On July 13, 2018, Plaintiffs filed their Reply In Support of Motion for Class
18 Certification. (ECF No. 14).

19 7. On July 23, 2018, Plaintiffs filed their Response to Defendants’ Motion to Dismiss. (ECF
20 No. 22).

21 8. The Motion for Class Certification is ripe and remains pending. The Reply in Support of
22 the Motion to Dismiss is due July 27, 2018, at which time it will be ripe. No other
23 motions or hearings are pending and there are no other deadlines set in this case.

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9. The parties have recently begun settlement discussions, and the parties believe they may be able to settle this action without the need for further proceedings in Court, including a ruling on the pending motions.

10. The parties convened a Rule 26(f) conference on July 24, 2018. Most of the discussion focused on settlement possibilities.

11. Accordingly, the parties desire to stay all proceedings in this action immediately so that they may devote their efforts toward settlement of this action and potentially save the Court time and resources.

12. The parties believe that the requested stay will not prejudice any party or result in a waste of judicial resources.

13. Should the Court grant this Motion and issue an order staying the proceedings, the parties further agree to file with the Court an update regarding settlement status within 90 days of entry of the Court's order unless the case has been settled and dismissed before that date.

14. Accordingly, for good cause, Plaintiffs and Defendants request that the Court approve the parties' stipulation and stay this action while the parties pursue settlement.

A proposed order is attached herewith.

Dated: July 26th, 2018

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I hereby certify that on July 26th, 2018, I electronically filed the foregoing *Stipulated Motion to Stay Pending Settlement* and attached *Proposed Order* with the Clerk of the Court via the ECF/CMF system, which will serve a notification and copy on the following:

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